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Dear Ed,

Thanks for the last part of the Esquire piece Jerry Ray has been wanting me to read. If I poop out tonight, I'll read it before bed, if not I'll take it with me when I leave on a trip early Tuesday a.m. and read on the plane. I'm going to see Ray and after a couple of stops to Dallas. I hope to be back about the first of the month, so of the many helpful things you send, why not stockpile them until then?

I am generally familiar with Maheu's record before and with Hughes. It is you understate.

From what Jerry says, there is something in this piece on the FBI that he seems to think is pretty hot. I'll be glad to have read at least this part because he and I will be staying together in Tennessee. In fact, he is meeting me at the Knoxville airport.

Caught Navasky in the Today show today. I had just gotten back from my morning walk and my wife told me he was due. Got the condensation off my glasses just in time. I rather liked his approach, his balance, his lack of sycophancy, his effort to put everything in perspective, not exactly a national literary characteristic today. Some of what he said (and I have no way of knowing whether he restricted himself to the contents of his book) was rather interesting as a measure of those on whom Bobby depended, something those of our disappointed and disillusioned brethren do not consider but always a factor with public officials. Even here Navasky didn't hedge. He said Bobby was the man in charge and thus the man responsible. The reviews I've seen to date are pretty much in this vein, too.

As always, many thanks.

Best,